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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO. 21 APPROVING THE "FINAL PLAN - Radiological Characterization and Final Status Plan for the Grounds of the BCLDP King Avenue Site"

Dear Mr. Jensen:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 21 to your NRC Material License No. SNM-00007 in accordance with your request. Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9856 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

This letter also acknowledges a tentative meeting scheduled for April 5, 2000, at 2:00 P.M. at Battelle's King Avenue Site. The meeting is to include representatives from the NRC, Ohio Department of Public Health, and Battelle. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the regulatory jurisdictional responsibilities pertaining to the Battelle Columbus Laboratories Decommissioning Project, i.e., over-sight responsibilities which will be retained by the NRC and that which will be assumed by the State of Ohio.

Since issues regarding the regulatory jurisdiction are still being resolved, the NRC forwarded your Final Plan to the State of Ohio (ODH), Bureau of Radiation Protection, Decommissioning Section, for review and comment. On March 10, 2000, the NRC was informed that ODH had reviewed the plan and "concurs with the suitability of the plan and recommends implementation of the plan into the license".

We will resume the review of your December 17, 1999, amendment request once we have received the revisions to the 1997 license application and Decommissioning Plan as discussed during our on-site visit on March 3, 2000.

Unless your license has been terminated, you must conduct your program in accordance with the conditions of your NRC license, representations made in your license application, and NRC regulations. In particular, note that you must:

1. Operate in accordance with NRC regulations 10 CFR Part 19, "Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers; Inspections," 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," and other applicable regulations.
2. Notify NRC, in writing, within 30 days:
 - a. When an authorized user or Radiation Safety Officer permanently discontinues

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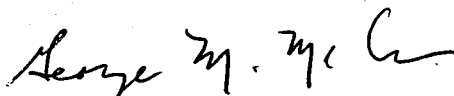
performance of duties under the license or has a name change; or

- b. When the mailing address listed on the license changes. (No fee is required if the location of byproduct material remains the same.)
3. Request and obtain a license amendment before you:
- a. Order licensed material in excess of the amount, or radio nuclide, or form different than authorized on the license;
 - b. Add or change the areas of use or address or addresses of use identified in the license application or on the license; or
 - c. Change ownership of your organization.

In addition, please note that NRC Form 313 requires the applicant, by his/her signature, to verify that the applicant understands that all statements contained in the application are true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge. The signatory for the application should be the licensee or certifying official rather than a consultant.

You will be periodically inspected by NRC. Failure to conduct your program in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC will result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation, or imposition of a civil penalty, or an order suspending, modifying or revoking your license as specified in the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions. Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which NRC expects of its licensees.

Sincerely,



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Decommissioning Branch

License No. SNM-0007
Docket No. 070-0008

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